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Introductory Comments

In response to the Restriction requirement dated December 1, 2006, an election is hereby made. Applicants elect Group I, including claims 1-22.

Applicants traverse the election. Specifically, Applicants traverse the grouping of claims 23-27 and 33-37 into separate groups, *i.e.*, Groups II and IV. Both Groups are directed to and describe a bearing washer. Similar to the claims of Group II, the claims of Group IV comprise claims to a specific feature of the invention. Therefore, the claims of Group IV should not be separated from the claims of Group II.

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